

THE WORLD OF SOCIETY.

The Hospitality of the Montana Club
As Exemplified on Friday
Night.

Helena People Entering Heartily
Into the Pleasures of the
Christmas Season.

Bishop Brondeel's Reception and the Ec-
core Club Entertainment—Personal
And General Mention.

The reception of the Montana club Friday evening was the best attended of any the club has yet given. The fact that just now the capital is pretty well filled with visitors and the additional one, that social matters have been very quiet so far this season, perhaps had as much to do with the large attendance as the popularity of the club and its members. In a business as well as a social sense, the Montana club is one of the leading institutions of the new state. Prominent visitors from all sections of the country are invited to use the club's rooms by the members, and always carry away with them pleasant impressions of the city's hospitality. The reception Friday evening showed the club knows not only how to entertain the stranger, but the citizen as well.

Before another Sunday issue of the INDEPENDENT many hearts will be made glad by receiving the contents of the mysterious packages which are now being smuggled in the back doors of Helena homes. The Christmas shopper has been out in force the past week and the merchant's heart was correspondingly light. A stroll among the hurrying, merry, bustling throng reveals many curious phases of character, some ludicrous and some touching. In a Broadway store yesterday among the customers was lady, accompanied by three little tots, the eldest not more than 6 years of age. The party were buying Christmas presents, at least the children were. Finally, after looking over all the available and unavoidable things, it was decided to purchase handkerchiefs. The goods were wrapped up, handed to the merchant, and the price given. Each little one opened its purse, poured the money on the counter, and each was ten cents short. The look on those children's faces when they were told the clerk must have more money or they could not have the goods was a study. First there was the dropping of little eyes, a twitching of the mouth, and finally tears. The trouble was soon ended, however, by the lady, who agreed to lead each child sufficient to tide it over the difficulty.

A Christmas wedding, which will be celebrated in Cincinnati, will be a real holy smackerel affair. It will take place on Christmas eve in the church where dressed from chancel to portal in garlands of holly and mistletoe. The bride in white satin and tulle with pearl embroideries and pearl ornaments, will carry a bouquet of white rosebuds, lilies of the valley and mistletoe berries. Her six bridesmaids, all in white, will wear a sprig of holly and a red kid shoe. The stockings will be embroidered with pearls to represent mistletoe berries. The shoes will be decorated with racquets of small holly leaves and berries. The gowns will be garlanded with holly and mistletoe—leaves and berries—and in place of bouquets the girls will carry a silver wire basket filled with sprigs of the Christmas green. The mother of the bride will wear a gown of scarlet velvet, and covered all over the front breadth and on the sleeves and V neck with beads forming spray of mistletoe, and at the nose reception the bride and groom will receive the congratulations of their friends under a canopy of red holly and mistletoe.

Bishop Brondeel was ordained a priest in Manila, Philippines, in 1864, came to Washington territory in 1869, where he was appointed bishop of Alaska, and in 1884, when the city of Helena became the Episcopal seat and the vicariate of Montana became a diocese, he received the appointment. Bishop Brondeel is a native of Burgos, made famous by Longfellow. Among the interesting features of the Bishop Brondeel jubilee was Miss Herman's recitation and the offering of flowers and a silver dollar from each of twenty-five little girls. Miss O'Brien did exceptionally well while the Misses McEvily and Miles attracted great pleasure and met with rapturous applause. The Misses Dickman and Arnold rendered some unusually good instrumental music. Miss M. Nagle, who had charge of the reception tables, was showered with compliments and thanks for a most elegant menu. The Rev. Fathers Martin J. O'Connor, and Mrs. J. C. Power, contrafite, were a pleasing illustration of the power and beauty of the human voice.

The Catholic clergy from abroad present at the jubilee reception were Fathers Callahan, O.S.B., of St. Amantius; Diomedes of Milwaukee; Missionaries of Kansas City; Msgr. Laughlin of St. Louis; Canway, of Miles City; Latimer, of Kansas City; Linderman, United States chaplain of Fort Keogh; Coontan, of Bozeman; Turnbull, of Helena; Paquin, of St. Eustace; missionaries of Alyea, of Fremont, and Van de Ven and others of Boston.

Since 1884 Montana has had an addition of seventeen Catholic churches, ten convents, seventy-six sisters and eleven hundred and forty-five pupils in its schools. Six hundred and forty-five Indian children are fed, clothed and instructed by the sisters of Montana.

Last evening the Encore club held its first regular soiree musicale at Encors hall, and a very large audience was in attendance. Among those present were Mr. Herschell, Miss Herschell, Miss Barber, Lieut. Ahren, Mrs. J. P. Wells, G. M. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mr. Ethanah, Mr. and Mrs. Giese, Mr. and Mrs. Sandis, Dr. and Mrs. Halston, Mr. and Mrs. Puth, Mr. and Mrs. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Muth, Mrs. Sanders, Mr. J. L. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Power, Mr. Brown, Mr. Walker, Mr. Walker, W. Wheeler, Dr. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, of Marysville, came over to attend the reception.

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